



## **Arlington Disability Commission Minutes**

**Date:** Wednesday, March 17, 2021

**Time:** 4:00 pm

**Location:** Conducted by Remote Participation

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Attendees: Commissioners Cynthia DeAngelis, Darcy Devney (Chair), Kerrie Fallon, Liza Molina, Paul Parravano, Michael Rademacher (Public Works Director), Paul Raia,

Guests: Jillian Harvey (Director of DEI), Christina Coleman (DEI Administrative Assistant), Michael Ciampa (Building Inspector), Grace Carpenter (volunteer), Janice Cagan-Teuber (resident), Ellen Leigh (volunteer, advocate), Don Seltzer (resident), Sarah Forster (resident)

Absent: Karen Mathiasen

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 4:02pm by Devney

1. Call to Order- Read Ground Rules, Welcome
2. Approve February Meeting Minutes & Retreat Meeting Minutes
  - a. Parravano motioned to approve February meeting minutes, Rademacher seconded, motion approved.
  - b. Parravano motioned to approve February Retreat meeting minutes, Rademacher seconded, motion approved.
3. Presentation from Michael Ciampa, Building Inspector, incl chart & Q & A
  - a. Building Inspector doesn't start 521 CMR review (accessibility regulations) until people submit full application (so after ARB review).
  - b. No discretion, plans are either ADA-Compliant or Not..
  - c. If everything is compliant – a permit will be issued.
  - d. In cases that it's not compliant, the building inspector contacts the applicant and let them know which areas were not compliant. The applicant can revise the plans to meet compliance, and resubmit the application again and if compliant, the permit will be issued.
  - e. In cases of non-compliance, applicants do have an option to apply for a variance with the Massachusetts Architectural Access Board (MAAB).
  - f. There are 3 different kinds of variances, including Timed Relief (for large multi-stage projects).
  - g. If the variance is approved, then a building permit will be issued.
  - h. If the variance is denied again, applicant can withdraw their building permit request or revise their plans to meet and resubmit to obtain their building permit
  - i. If problem arises during construction, building code supersedes building permit, even if permit already granted. Until plans meet the ADA, can't get a notice to proceed.
4. Recognition of Service
  - a. Cynthia DeAngelis joined the Commission in January 2015 and has served the maximum number of years as the Chair of the Commission. The Commission thanked her for her hard work and dedication.
5. Budget Update
  - a. Remaining budget for the fiscal year is \$19,725; Fiscal year ends June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
6. DEI Updates
  - a. Harvey is working on Town's Equity Action plan.
7. Budget Update
  - a. Raia will reach out to IHCD to find out if they have the capacity to continue to consult on the High School Project.
  - b. Start thinking about what the Commission will plan to do with the remainder of the budget for the rest of the fiscal year.

8. Warrant Article Updates
  - a. Warrant Articles sent out to the DC transportation and housing and development teams for their review.
  - b. Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup> is ARB Meeting
9. Priorities for next meeting's agenda
  - a. Automatic Traffic Signals
  - b. Elections
10. Proposed Variance Meeting April 7<sup>th</sup>
  - a. Rademacher motioned to add an additional meeting on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 3:00PM. Parravano seconded, passed unanimously. Meeting approved.
11. Public Engagement and Open Commentary
  - a. None
12. Closing

Rademacher motioned to adjourn meeting, Parravano seconded, all in favor: Meeting adjourned at 5:29 pm.

Commission members not able to attend please email both Jillian Harvey, [jharvey@town.arlington.ma.us](mailto:jharvey@town.arlington.ma.us) and Darcy Devney prior to the scheduled meeting.

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